

# THE RUTHERFORD Report

THE NEWSLETTER OF SECOND DISTRICT SUPERVISOR JANICE RUTHERFORD

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*Supervisor Rutherford enjoyed spending time with residents in Upland, Fontana, and Rancho Cucamonga during the National Night Out on Aug. 2. The event aims to bring law enforcement and residents together to talk about ways to prevent crime.*

Never be in a hurry; do everything quietly and in a calm spirit.

Do not lose your inner peace for anything whatsoever, even if your whole world seems upset.

—St. Francis de Sales

## Patience in an Instant World

Remember when it took several minutes or longer to load a simple Webpage on a dial-up connection? At the time, it seemed like a minor inconvenience to connect to the World Wide Web as we often called it then, but today such a delay would confound even the most tolerant among us.

We have grown accustomed or perhaps addicted to high-speed connections that provide near instant gratification. Experiencing even the slightest delay sends us searching for the newest technology to speed things up.

Meanwhile, we carry “phones” that connect us with the Internet faster than dial-up ever did, allowing us to keep track of everything from national news to our friends’ latest Facebook status with the touch of a button.

And as our way of life has sped up, our ability to be patient seems to have waned. The problem is that lack of patience leads to quick tempers and agitation, neither of which contributes to productive outcomes.

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## Supervisor Rutherford’s Report from the National Association of Counties

Last month I attended the annual conference of the National Association of Counties in Portland, OR.

The most valuable aspect of a conference like this is networking with my colleagues from around the state and nation. I was keenly aware of the contrasts between our county and most of the other counties in the nation. Many of my colleagues have counties whose entire population is smaller than that of just the Second District. Despite the significant challenges of scale, most local governments around the nation are facing the same financial obstacles and regulatory struggles that we are.

We talked about state and federal legislation that affects our ability to provide health care, law enforcement and transportation services, and we swapped opinions about the newest proposal to split California in two, economic development and water supply.

I learned about options for using technology to engage citizens, particularly using smart phone apps to allow residents to report problems and participate in discussions. We talked about the potential for cost-savings from governments using cloud computing, and I saw the latest

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in electronic voting options. Portland has set aside areas for mobile food vendors to sell their goods, and it was interesting to consider how such areas would be received in our county. And—the host city being Portland—there was much discussion of sustainability and environmental stewardship.

San Bernardino County was honored with an award recognizing a peer support program that was created to help Probation officers handle the emotional aftermath of a critical incident or simply to deal with the day-to-day stress Probation officers encounter.

The most memorable speakers were two amazing survivors: ABC news anchor Bob Woodruff who suffered traumatic brain injury from a roadside bomb in Iraq and Aron Ralston, the hiker who amputated his own arm after being trapped by a boulder for six days. Both men offered compelling reminders of keeping proper perspective on what is important in each of our lives—relying on the help, support and love of our families to get us through challenges and the blessing and beauty that each new day of life is and treating that with reverence and gratitude.

# Volunteer Discovers New Career Path at Library



Jorge Torres, 25, is one of the thousands of San Bernardino County residents who volunteer their time to help out in our County library system.

Jorge, an AB Miller High School graduate who grew up in Fontana, began volunteering at the Lewis Library and Technology Center earlier this

year. Like many volunteers, Jorge started off shelving books, but he quickly learned the ropes and was soon spotting mislabeled and misplaced books throughout the library.

Today, Jorge uses his knowledge of the various library sections to help patrons find books about subjects they are interested in. Since he also speaks Spanish, Jorge helps Spanish speakers find books in the library's Spanish language section, and he has also helped them register for free English classes at the library.

His latest assignment is the die cut machine, which cranks out thousands of paper cutouts of animals, hearts, and

other shapes for county libraries throughout the valley. Lewis Library Volunteer Coordinator Laurie Shearer said Jorge's organization skills make him a perfect fit for the meticulous job.

The volunteer experience has spurred Jorge to consider pursuing a career in the library field.

"It was unexpected," he said. "I really feel like I help a lot of people."

Last year, more than 2,300 hundred residents donated nearly 147,000 hours to support the County's 31 branch libraries. They shelved books, assisted patrons, cleaned up after children's programs, tutored students, and so much more. Without this team of dedicated volunteers, County libraries simply would not be able to meet the needs of our communities.

The San Bernardino County Library would love to have you be a part of their volunteer team. For more information about volunteering you can contact your local San Bernardino County Branch Library or visit [www.sbcounty.gov/library/home](http://www.sbcounty.gov/library/home).



## Breakfast with your Supervisor

The Big Apple Restaurant: 18080 Arrow Blvd., Fontana

September 29, 2011—7:30 am

\$10 per person

RSVP (or for more information): (909) 948-5037

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Patience remains one of our most important virtues because despite all of our whiz-bang technology we need patience to steady ourselves and avoid the many pitfalls of annoyance, haste and impetuosity.

Over the years, I have learned that getting things done in government requires more than its fair share of patience. Projects that seem simple at the outset are transformed into time-consuming behemoths thanks to layers upon layers of bureaucratic red tape.

Yet sometimes that delay serves an important purpose. It gives residents time to comment on projects that might impact their lives. It provides government planners time to analyze a project's plans and specifications to ensure it meets codes and mitigates potential impacts. These checks and balances may make the process move slowly, but they

also provide opportunity to correct potential problems before they become real ones.

Voters expect elected officials to make change happen now, and some newly elected officials often come into office thinking that is exactly what they will do. But the reality is government does not turn on a dime. It takes time to implement change and reform, and measured patience—rather than headstrong idealism and frustration—is often the most effective tool to implement real and lasting change.

Patience is something we need in every aspect of our lives—our children, fellow drivers on the freeway, technology, and even the legal and government systems that frustrate us so.

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# Food Trucks: Coming Soon to the County

Food trucks didn't get the green light on Aug. 9, but the Board unanimously agreed to proceed with developing new rules to allow more stationary food truck events.

Many spoke at the hearing, most arguing for lifting the County's food truck ban, including a restaurant owner who wants to expand his business by having a truck. Another local restaurateur favored the ban, arguing such competition was unfair to brick-and-mortar establishments.

Concern was expressed about how lifting the ban might impact incorporated cities, which would have to develop and enforce new rules if the ban was lifted completely.

I agree the County should engage its 24 cities before making any changes that might impact them, and I recommended the food truck issue be discussed by the

San Bernardino Associated Governments Board, which includes representation for all 24 cities.

The San Bernardino County Department of Environmental Health Services is developing rules to allow food trucks to operate at more set locations, such as private or public parking lots. County Deputy Executive Officer Dena Smith will oversee this policy revision. You can reach her at (909) 387-5425 or via email at [dsmith@cao.sbcounty.gov](mailto:dsmith@cao.sbcounty.gov).

It's my hope that this cautious approach to allowing food trucks will help convince others that food trucks can bring positive economic benefits, as well as good food, to our County. Food truck fans may also be pleased to hear the next IE Food Truck Festival is scheduled for Oct. 8 at Citizens Business Bank Arena in Ontario.

## 2nd District Trivia

**Last Issue's Answer:** The former Mickey Thompson's Fontana International Dragway, which operated from 1955 to 1972, would be located in the Village of Heritage in Fontana if it were still around today.

**Question:** What is the name of the community that once encompassed Devore? (Hint: The community was named after a Native American village located near the Cajon Pass.)

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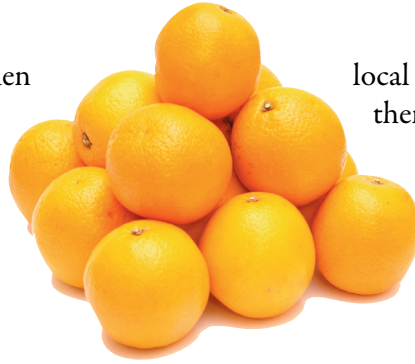
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# Volunteers Pick Fruit, Vegetables for Food Pantries

Are you tired of picking up fruit that's fallen from your trees? Well, the volunteers with GleaningHOPE program can help.

Volunteers with the program, which is operated by Inland Valley Hope Partners, pick unwanted fruits and vegetables from



local home gardens and backyards. The food is then sent to local food pantries so it can be distributed to needy people in the community.

Call Ronald Ortizo at (909) 622-3806 ext. 223 if you would like to participate in the GleaningHOPE program.

## Upcoming Events

August 28, 2011	The Rancho Cucamonga Animal Care and Adoption Center will host a low-cost vaccination clinic from noon to 2 p.m. at 11780 Arrow Highway in Rancho Cucamonga. Call (909) 466-PETS (7387) for more information.
September 2, 2011	Enjoy the animated movie "Gnomeo & Juliet" in the outdoors from the Little League fields at Lake Gregory Regional Park in Crestline. The movie begins at 8 p.m. The cost is \$4 per person.
September 4, 2011	Lake Gregory Regional Park in Crestline will host the popular end-of-summer sand sculpture contest. Entry is free with the \$3 gate fee. The contests begin at 10 a.m.
September 4, 2011	Vet Care Vaccination Services will host a low-cost vaccination clinic from noon to 2 p.m. at the Rancho Cucamonga Animal Care and Adoption Center located at 11780 Arrow Route. This event will be held at the same times and place on Saturdays in September.
September 5, 2011	The 46th annual Mt. Baldy Run to the Top begins at 8 a.m. This 8-mile run features a 4,000 foot elevation gain and has been called the most grueling foot race in California. Visit <a href="http://www.run2top.com">www.run2top.com</a> or call (909) 946-2057 for more information.
September 6, 2011	The City of Upland will host its first Community Emergency Response Team meeting at 7 p.m. at the Lions East Community Center located at 9191 Baseline Road. Volunteers are needed to assist the community in the event of a major disaster. Call (909) 477-2765 for additional information or to register for the event.
September 7, 2011	Crestline Connect—a local networking group—meets every Wednesday at 7:30 a.m. at Billy Bears located at 23941 Lake Drive in Crestline.
September 10, 2011	The San Antonio Heights annual steak fry fundraiser will take place from 5 to 7 p.m. at San Antonio Park located at 24th Street and Mountain Avenue.
September 10, 2011	The 3rd annual Family and Safety Preparedness Fair will take place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Fontana Police Department located at 17005 Upland Avenue in Fontana. Residents are invited to learn about how they can be better prepared during an emergency. Free health screenings will also be available.
September 13, 2011	The San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors will meet at 10 a.m. at the San Bernardino County Government Center located at 385 N. Arrowhead Ave. in San Bernardino.
September 17, 2011	The City of Upland will host the 8th annual Inside Upland Family Fun Day from noon to 4 p.m. at Memorial Park. This event highlights local businesses and organizations. Call (909) 931-4281 for more information.
September 25, 2011	The Mary Vagle Museum and Nature Center in Fontana will host an EarthCraft Afternoon from 1 to 4 p.m. Residents are invited to make crafts from natural and recycled items. The Center is located at 11501 Cypress Ave.
September 29, 2011	Join Supervisor Rutherford for breakfast at 7:30 a.m. at The Big Apple Restaurant in Fontana. Discuss issues facing the region, and get to know your county supervisor. \$10 per person. Call (909) 948-5037 to RSVP or for more information.

Dates and times are subject to change without notice. Please contact Supervisor Rutherford's office at (909) 387-4833 if you have any questions or suggestions for the Events Calendar. You can view information about more local events on Supervisor Rutherford's home page at [www.sbcounty.gov/rutherford](http://www.sbcounty.gov/rutherford).